(*e*) the revenue of the Arukutty Chowkey ;

(*f*) the revenue of the Alleppey Customs ;

(*g*) whether the Alleppey Customs staff is given any overtime allowance ;

(*h*) whether the same or any overtime allowance is given to the Chowkey staff at Arukutty ; and

(*i*) if the answer to part (*h*) is in the negative, why it is not given ?

**MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR** : (*a*) The working hours of the Land Customs Houses are from 7 A. M. to 6. P. M, daily, but duty will not be levied after 5 P. M.

(*b*) From 7 A. M. to 6 P M. as in other Land Customs Houses.

(*c*) The working hours of the Alleppey Sea Customs are from 9-30 A. M. to 4 P. M.

(*d*) Yes ; but only Steam launches and Canoes carrying passengers.

(*e*) The revenue of the Arukutty Chowkey for the year 1114 is Rs. 6,67,006-0-0 under customs and Rs. 5,58,582-19-14 under tobacco.

(*f*) The revenue of the Sea Customs, Alleppey, for the year 1114 is Rs. 10,38,574-7-8.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) The nature of the work in Land Customs Houses is such that all normal work is done only during prescribed office hours.

No duty is collected after 5 P. M. except on small quantities of goods carried as personal luggage by passengers. Nor are big consignments of goods (except perishables) examined and passed at night at Customs Houses.

In the Arukutty Chowkey, no overtime fee or allowance is given to any officer posted for duty during night, because such officers as are posted for duty during night are given sufficient relief from work during day time.

*Enhancement of the rate of State Transport fare.*

423. * **MR. S. GOVINDA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the State Transport Department propose to enhance the rate of bus fare ;

(*b*) whether the present rates are higher than the rates charged when the services were private-owned ;

(*c*) whether the number of buses running in each line are lesser than the number when the services were private owned ; and

(*d*) whether the Government have considered the hardship and inconvenience to the public, by the lesser number of buses and higher rate of fare ?

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MR. K. SANKARAN: (*a*) The matter is under consideration.

(*b*) The present rates are generally lower.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) No hardship exists due to lesser number of buses and in view of answer to part (*b*) the latter part does not arise.

*Paddy cultivation in the State.*

424. * MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total quantity of rice imported for the past 10 years average per year and the total area of paddy lands in the State; and

(*b*) whether on the face of the above situation, they have any scheme to increase the rice cultivation area?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) A total quantity of 24,60,697 tons of rice was imported during the past 10 years. Average per year is 2,46,069·7 tons. The total area of paddy lands in the state is 6,52,615 acres.

(*b*) The matter is being considered.

*Co-operative Societies.*

425. * MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of co-operative societies in the file today and also the number of Inspectors now in active service?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (1) Number of Co-operative Societies. 1485.

(2) Number of Inspectors 40.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know what is the number of societies over which a Co-operative Inspector has to function?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: On an average there will be about 50 societies over which an Inspector has to supervise.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether there are supervisors for every taluk in general for supervising the work of the Co-operative Societies?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Every taluk has a supervisor.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know the number of such supervisors?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: I have no information on that point at present.

*Dispensaries in Todupuzha taluk.*

426. * MR. P. V. MATHAI CHEMPARATHY (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation from the public of Todupuzha requesting to open more dispensaries in Todupuzha taluk?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Yes. There were requisitions for new dispensaries from certain pakuthies fo Todupuzha taluk.

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